

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:** Williams et al.

**Serial No.:** 09/590,646

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**For:** REINFORCED, SELF-ALIGNING CONDUCTIVE STRUCTURES FOR SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE COMPONENTS AND METHODS FOR FABRICATING SAME

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**Examiner:** J. Mitchell

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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Examiner:

This Amendment follows the final Office Action of September 12, 2007, and the Advisory Action of December 17, 2007. As January 12, 2008, fell on a Saturday, this Amendment should be deemed to have been filed within four months of the mailing date of the final Office Action and, accordingly, is being submitted with a petition for extension of time (one month) and the appropriate fee. 37 C.F.R. § 1.7.

A listing of claims, in which revisions to the claims are presented, begins on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks start at page 21 of this paper.